

of; Leases, etc.

Briefs.

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subject Memo For The Record - [redacted]
Approval by Attorney General of the
validity of title to property
purchased by CIA.

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conferred with the Chief of the Lands
Division, Department of Justice (Mr.
A. Devitt Vanech) and Mr.
Tuttsell who is in charge of condemnation
matters.

Representatives of CIA and the
Department of Justice conferred
with respect to the requirement
in 40 USC § 225 for the approval
of the validity of title by the
Attorney General prior to any
purchase of realty by the United
States.

1. All present agreed that
where CIA acquires title in the

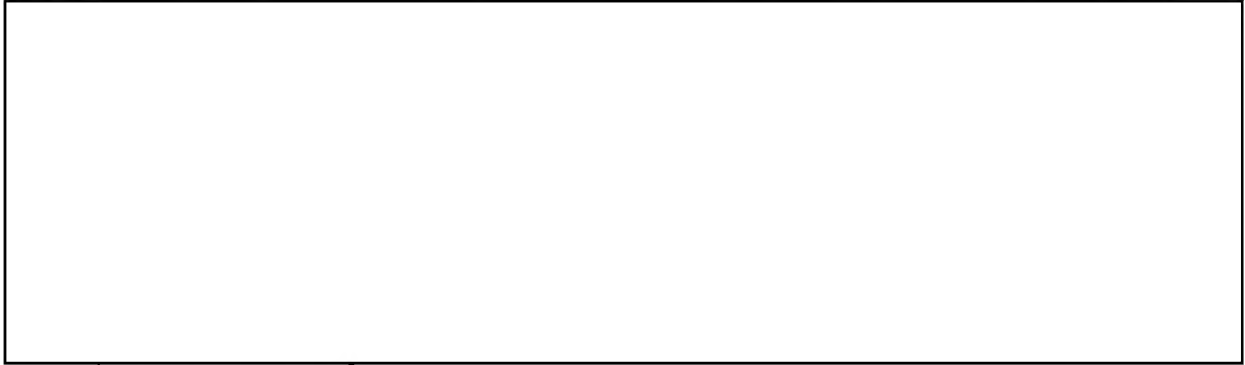
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[redacted] it is not desirable
or necessary to obtain Attorney
General approval of the title. Title

insurance should be obtained
from a reputable title company.

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Memo on OSS Experience With Leases
For Covert Purposes -

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Recommendations based on OSS
experience:

1. In any case where there is a lease there should be a complete and detailed inventory, together with a report of the condition of the property, signed by the Government and the lessees. This precaution ~~makes~~ simplifies negotiation upon termination with regard to claims for missing items ~~and~~ or damaged property.

2. Negotiations with the lessees to determine what items, if any, are missing and what damage, if any, has been done by the Government should be done prior to termination. It is often possible to offset certain claims by improvements which the Government might place on the property.

3. At all times, the commanding officer of an installation should be aware of and fully briefed concerning his responsibility to maintain the property.

4. It is highly desirable to establish an adequate cover story in advance which could be circulated in the event of inquiry.

5. There should be a central point for the coordination and control of property requirements and planning.

6. To ensure compliance with minimum procedures to protect the interests of the Government and to avoid security risks, the administration and supervision of leases from beginning to end should be located at a central point.